I do hereby certify that Jno Manning Murpy to the best of my recollection enlisted as a Private Soldier in the 12th V Reg’t commanded by Colo Jas Wood [James Wood BLWt2419-500] early in the year 1777 either for 3 years or during the War which at that time, existed between America & Great Britain. Tho’ I cannot be positive as to his term of Service I have reason to believe he served during the War.

Given under my hand this 9th day of Dec’r 1801.

Wm Baylis [William Baylis S12953] late a Lieut & Pay Master
in the 12th V. Reg’t

John M. Murphy was enlisted for three years or for the war, w’h I do not recollect – he served to the end of the war. Mr. William Baylis was a Lieutenant in the same Regement.

James Wood formerly B. Gen’l
Continental Army.